



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending April 24, 2016

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 24, 2016. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 63 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 54 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 56.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 66.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 73.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Garden to 82.2 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Scattered rain showers and heavy thunder storms were received throughout most of the state, with the highest rain concentration in the northwest part of the state with an average of 6.10 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 24, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	93	86	97	99
Corn, emerged	85	67	91	96
Cotton, planted	3	0	4	15
Hay, harvested	6	1	0	14
Rice, planted	79	75	83	86
Rice, emerged	66	56	68	70
Sorghum, planted	64	53	63	77
Sorghum, emerged	49	38	45	62
Soybeans, planted	19	13	22	34
Soybeans, emerged	9	2	10	6
Winter Wheat, headed	86	79	87	92
Winter Wheat, coloring	2	0	13	26

Crop condition for week ending April 24, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	1	16	45	38	0
Livestock	1	4	28	59	8
Pasture	1	11	30	50	8
Rice	0	5	35	56	4
Sugarcane	1	4	31	51	13
Vegetables	1	5	28	60	6
Winter Wheat	0	10	45	45	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

- “Drier weather has made some planting of soybeans and cotton possible. Still have back water on some corn field.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish
- “Some fields and pastures still holding water from flood and recent rains. Corn is stunted in some fields due to excess standing water with many fields worked but too wet to plant.”

– Donna Morgan, Grant Parish
- “With pasture conditions being moist, this delayed the first hay cutting drastically for a few more weeks. Some rice fields are waiting green ring to send out first application of nitrogen.”

– Bradley Poussion, Cameron Parish
- “5-7" of rain fell throughout the parish during the week, rice fields waiting for good weather to spray herbicide and apply fertilizer. Pastures are doing well, ryegrass pastures are heading out.”

– Jimmy Meaux, Calcasieu Parish
- “Received from 1 to 2 inches rain last week. It will be the end of this week before any possible fieldwork. Some soybeans still to be planted plus many still have fertilizer and weed control to apply.”

– Jimmy Flanagan, Saint Mary Parish
- “Heavy rains interrupted field progress. Farmers are anxiously waiting for fields to dry out to resume soybean planting. Rains appear to have reduced the severity of brown rust levels in 540 sugarcane. However, most cane growers are still expecting to make a fungicide application once fields dry out. Some crawfish ponds are being restocked, drained and preparations are being made for next crawfish season. Hay growers are waiting for drier weather to make an initial cutting on bermuda fields. Some tomato spotted wilt virus is starting to show up in home vegetable gardens.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 24, 2016										
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	76.0	59.6	67.8	64.6	3.1	3.64	5	2.42	9.00	4.25
Mooringsport	74.1	60.0	67.1	65.8	1.3	5.96	5	5.10	6.98	3.68
Red River	73.8	62.2	68.0	66.3	2.0	6.37	4	5.59	7.85	3.91
Shreveport	75.0	59.3	67.1	65.5	1.7	8.44	5	7.24	10.34	6.42
Extreme/Average	74.7	60.3	67.5	65.5	2.0	6.10	5	5.09	8.54	4.56
North Central										
Calhoun	76.6	56.3	66.4	64.1	2.3	4.51	5	3.44	8.99	5.01
Farmerville	75.4	59.3	67.4	66.0	1.3	1.73	4	0.73	10.38	5.98
Homer	74.6	56.4	65.5	63.2	2.3	2.81	3	1.64	5.51	2.91
Extreme/Average	75.5	57.3	66.4	64.4	2.0	3.02	5	1.94	8.29	4.63
Northeast										
Lake Providence	76.0	60.4	68.2	65.7	2.5	NA	NA	NA	7.06	5.57
St Joseph	79.8	62.2	71.0	67.2	4.1	0.66	2	-0.07	7.16	3.22
Tallulah	80.7	63.3	72.0	66.2	5.8	1.85	2	0.75	17.42	13.14
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	66.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.17	2.19
Extreme/Average	78.8	62.0	70.4	66.5	4.1	1.26	2	0.34	8.70	6.03
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	65.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	73.7	64.0	68.8	67.2	2.1	NA	NA	NA	3.98	0.49
Leesville	76.3	58.7	67.5	66.5	1.0	3.51	4	2.57	4.71	0.79
Natchitoches	75.0	60.9	67.9	67.9	0.1	2.75	3	1.96	5.36	0.76
Extreme/Average	75.0	61.2	68.1	66.7	1.0	3.13	4	2.26	4.68	0.68
Central										
Alexandria	78.3	61.0	69.6	67.7	1.9	2.08	4	1.06	2.39	-1.86
Bunkie	77.8	60.0	68.9	68.1	0.7	2.50	1	1.70	4.90	0.88
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	69.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	74.0	61.4	67.7	67.4	0.3	2.01	2	1.05	5.79	1.55
New Roads	77.8	62.0	69.9	68.7	1.6	NA	NA	NA	7.75	4.17
Extreme/Average	77.0	61.1	69.0	68.3	1.1	2.20	4	1.27	5.21	1.19
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.56	3	-0.58	4.71	0.36
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	67.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.64	2	NA	7.00	NA
Slidell	77.7	61.7	69.7	NA	NA	0.05	1	NA	5.98	NA
Extreme/Average	77.7	61.7	69.7	67.4	NA	0.75	3	-0.58	5.90	0.36
Southwest										
Crowley	NA	NA	NA	69.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	7.09	4.42
DeRidder	74.2	61.5	67.8	67.7	0.2	3.44	5	2.58	4.83	1.58
Jennings	78.6	62.9	70.7	68.9	1.9	1.74	4	0.88	5.38	1.93
Oberlin Fire	77.0	60.0	68.5	68.5	0.0	2.77	3	1.72	5.89	1.85
Extreme/Average	76.6	61.5	69.0	68.6	0.7	2.65	5	1.73	5.80	2.44
South Central										
Donaldsonville	79.0	61.4	70.2	68.6	1.6	0.10	2	-0.91	5.02	0.93
Jeanerette	78.2	64.4	71.3	69.3	2.3	0.98	2	0.27	4.51	0.98
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	68.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	78.4	65.7	72.1	69.3	2.7	0.26	1	-0.47	5.08	2.10
Extreme/Average	78.5	63.8	71.2	69.0	2.2	0.45	2	-0.37	4.87	1.34
Southeast										
Galliano	77.6	66.7	72.1	69.4	2.7	0.43	1	-0.30	5.28	2.22
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.14	1	-0.96	3.72	-0.85
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	82.2	66.0	74.1	NA	NA	0.44	2	NA	6.56	NA
Extreme/Average	79.9	66.3	73.1	69.4	2.7	0.34	2	-0.63	5.19	0.69
State	77.1	61.6	69.4	67.4	1.7	2.17	3	1.18	6.28	2.35

DFN = Departure from Normal.
Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.
NA = Not Available.